

Senior Health and Wellness Committee

June 1, 2010

Minutes

Attendees: Elaine Binder, Myrna Cooperstein, Tammy Duell, Judith Levy, Paula Post, Beth Shapiro, Matthew Kelleher, Sam Korper (Commission on Health), Sarah Gotbaum (Guest), Odile Saddi

| Topic | Discussion Points | Decisions/Action Steps |
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| Hoarding Proposal | <p>Beth Shapiro provided an overview of a proposal written by the Jewish Social Services Agency (JSSA) in collaboration with the City of Gaithersburg Hoarding Task Force. The proposal outlines the significant need for professional education and training for clinicians including social workers and counselors who work with hoarders who reside in Montgomery County. JSSA is seeking funding sources for the education and training.</p> <p>Since, according to the proposal, “hoarding manifests generally in seniors and single women”, and 70%-80% of hoarders are seniors (January 2010 Health and Wellness Committee Meeting Notes), JSSA and the City of Gaithersburg Hoarding Task Force have asked the CoA to formally support the proposal.</p> | <p>The Health and Wellness Committee recommend CoA support of this proposal pending legal review.</p> <p>A copy of the proposal is attached.</p> |
| Commission on Health Update | <p>Sam Korper proposed a meeting in advance of the End-of-Life Summer Study meetings for planning purposes.</p> | <p>Tammy Duell will coordinate with Shawn Brennan, Montgomery County Co-alition for End-of-Life Care, Sam Korper and other interested individuals</p> |

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| Senator Cardin/Health Care Reform Meeting-July 19, 2010 | The CoA via the Health and Wellness Committee will co-sponsor a community event with Senator Cardin that focuses on Health Care Reform. Information that is specific to seniors will be presented. Venue, event promotion, and other logistics were discussed. | Judy Levy will coordinate the event with Senator Cardin's Office and advise CoA members of details and needs as they become available. |
| End-of Life Summer Study | <p>Three meeting dates were selected: July 6, 2010, July 20, 2010, and August 3, 2010 from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Relevant documents and other materials such as meeting agendas will be sent to summer study participants for review prior to the first meeting. Meeting location(s) will be coordinated by Lynne Gaither, DHHS.</p> <p>Matthew Kelleher reports that Diane Zuspan, Montgomery County EMS Section Chief, has offered to provide a question and answer session (related to first responders and DNR protocol changes) for the summer study group.</p> <p>Sarah Gotbaum shared the Older Women's League (OWL) Mother's Day Report focusing on End-of-Life Care with members of the Committee. She also advised of an upcoming end-of life educational event that OWL is sponsoring at the end of June.</p> | <p>Tammy Duell and Judy Levy, with collaboration from others, will invite individuals with expertise in end-of-life care to participate in the summer study, develop meeting agendas, and select documents for review.</p> <p>Tammy Duell will contact Diane Zuspan to discuss the first responder perspective and issues.</p> <p>A copy of the OWL report is attached. Sarah will share the June event details with CoA members.</p> |
| New Items | Elaine Binder advised that the CoA is looking at meeting locations for the fall. The Ratner Museum located in Bethesda is available, However at this venue, meetings would need to begin 30 minutes earlier (8:30 a.m.-Coffee and Conversation, 9:00 a.m.-Meeting). Health and Wellness Committee members support meeting at the Ratner Museum at the earlier meeting time. | |

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| | <p>Elaine Binder announced that the June CoA meeting has been cancelled. The Executive Committee Meeting will be held on June 17, 2010.</p> <p>Matthew Kelleher discussed “Safe Telement”, a fire prevention program that helps prevent cooking fires by reducing the amount of electricity required to cook. There are funds available for 21 additional homes. Please contact Matthew for additional information on this program if interested.</p> | |
| Next Meeting | September 7, 2010 | TBD |

Submitted by: Tammy Duell
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